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CFC seeks personal stories

The Combined Federal Campaign 2000 for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County will be Sept. 18 - Oct. 30.

Each year, millions of people, thousands of them being federal employees, are helped by the charitable organizations that receive contributions through CFC.

This year we are currently seeking individuals that have been personally helped through the services provided by a CFC supported charity.

Such charities include the United Way, Red Cross, Boys & Girls Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and the Food Bank, to name a few.

If you have a personal story you would like to share, call the CFC Coordinator at 538-6919 or email melissa.crofton@hqasc.army.mil.

Talent search in Tucson

Cox Communications, Travel Channel and Volkswagen have teamed-up to hit the road with Great American Road Trip, a national mall-based talent search.

The Great American Road Trip Talent Search will choose the most entertaining talent from the auditions held 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at the Tucson Mall, 4500 North Oracle, Tucson, Ariz.

These select few will be featured in a 30-second promotional spot to air locally on Cox Communications.

At the end of the tour, Travel Channel viewers everywhere can log on to Discovery.com to cast their vote for the national talent search grand-prize winner.

The grand-prize winner of that online vote, Nov. 23-Dec. 4, will be featured in a national appearance on the Travel Channel.

Quick reaction saves baby

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

Quick action by a three-year-old child and neighbors saved the life of 15-month-old Kaitlya M. Venuti, Friday. Kaitlya, the daughter of Sgt. Jeremy L. and Heather M. Venuti of Headquarters Company, 11th Signal Brigade, was found unconscious in a backyard child's swimming pool by neighbors, Sherri Martin and Mrs. Venuti, when they noticed Kaila Venuti, 3, trying to pull the baby from the pool by her diaper.

Both women were seated only a few feet away from the pool. They rushed to the pool and Mrs. Martin lifted the infant from the water and immediately began CPR while another neighbor, Mrs. Jessica Brunos, called 911.

At his family quarters, three doors away, Sgt. 1st Class Mike Cromer, a Military Intelligence School instructor with Company C, 305th MI Battalion, heard people suddenly start yelling and realized something was wrong. Sgt. Venuti said Cromer cleared three chain-link fences in record time to offer his assistance.

"When I arrived Mrs. Martin had already started CPR on the baby," Cromer said. He told her he could relieve her if she became tired. "I then turned my attention to the parents to calm them down," he said.



Photo by Stan Williamson

(From left) Sgt. Jeremy L. Venuti holds daughter, Kaitlya Marie, 15 months, who was the center of attention Friday when the infant drowned and was revived by a neighbor and EMTs from Fire Station 2. Next to Sgt. Venuti is his wife, Heather Marie, holding Kaila Marie, 3, who was the first person to try and pull her sister from the pool. At right is Sherri Martin, a friend and neighbor of the Venuti's who applied her life saving skills to save the young victim.

Martin received her CPR training from the American Red Cross Chapter in Santa Clara Valley, Calif. She has also completed the Red Cross training program for Emer-

gency Medical Technician, and the Army Community Service's Family Child Care

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Missing soldier returned to fort to face charges

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

Army officials obtained the release of Pfc. John S. Johnston from the Sanpete County Sheriff's Office in Utah and escorted the soldier back to post Aug. 17, to face a charge of desertion.

On Aug. 18, a military magistrate reviewed the circumstances surrounding Johnston's disappearance from Fort Huachuca and his apprehension. After the magistrate determined he was a flight risk, Johnston was placed in pre-trial confinement at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz.

Johnston is charged with desertion in violation of Article 85 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. This charge carries a maximum penalty of two years confinement, dishonorable discharge, reduction in rank to private and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

Fort's water use up in July

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

The water pumpage for July 2000 is 53,232,000 gallons or 163 acre feet and is equivalent to 1.7 million gallons per day.

The July 2000 pumpage is 3.7 percent more than that pumped in July 1999 (157 acre feet). However, it is still 40.6 percent less than the 18-year (1982-1999) July average (273 acre feet).

Total water pumped year to date (January-July 2000; 1,134 acre feet) is 5.1 percent less than that pumped in 1999 (1,196 acre feet).

Treated effluent reuse for July 2000 was 50.2 acre feet. This is water that did not have to be pumped from the groundwater aquifer (a water and energy savings) to irrigate the golf course, Chaffee Parade Field, and MI Village.

The Scout's Chaplain

Protestant	9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel 11:30 a.m. Kino Chapel
Sunday Services	
8 a.m. Episcopal Main Post Chapel	
8 a.m. Protestant Kino Chapel	Jewish
9:30 a.m. Gospel Kino Chapel	7 p.m. 1st & 3rd Fridays, Main Post Chapel
9:30 a.m. Protestant MI Village	Eastern Orthodox
11 a.m. Protestant Main Post Chapel	10 a.m. 2nd Saturday Blessed Sacrament Chapel
11 a.m. Lutheran MI Village	
1:30 p.m. Hispanic Main Post Chapel	Muslim
	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Daily Prayer Main Post Chapel, Room 24
Catholic	
Weekday Mass	
11:30 a.m. Daily Mass (M-F) Blessed Sacrament Chapel	Religious Education
Saturday Mass	Catholic CCD
5 p.m. Mass (Vigil) Main Post Chapel	10:45-11:45 a.m. Sundays
Sunday Mass	Protestant Sunday School
8 a.m. MI Village	9:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays Main Post Chapel
	Gospel Sunday School
	8-9 a.m. Murr Community Ctr.
	Episcopal Children's Church
	8-9 a.m. Main Post Chapel
	Episcopal Confirmation Class
	9:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays

Korean War resources at post library

By Chris Hurd Librarian

This year is the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. Where can you find out about Task Force Smith?

The Fort Huachuca Library would be a good place to start. The library has over eighty books on the Korean War. Some cover the entire war, and others specific battles or special aspects of the conflict.

James L. Stokesbury's "*A Short History of the Korean War*," is a popular book for people looking for a basic understanding of this war.

Experts find T.R. Fehrenback's "*This Kind of War; a Study in Unpreparedness*," and Clay Blair's "*The Forgotten War: America in Korea 1950-1953*," among the best books on the subject. The five-volume U.S. Army official history of the Korean War is an important source.

Several books in the library's collection cover specific battles. The Inchon landing is generally considered a remarkable and highly successful amphibious operation.

This landing, in September of 1950, took place of the West Coast of Korea in an area with 28-foot tides. The attack was

a complete surprise to the North Koreans, and as a result, they suffered heavy casualties, and were forced to withdraw into North Korea.

Chosin Reservoir is the subject of at least five books. Chosin Reservoir was near the Chinese border along the Yalu River. When China entered the war in October 1950, the Marine and Army troops near Chosin Reservoir were surrounded.

They were able to break through enemy lines and retreat to the East Coast of Korea with most of the units intact. Some historians consider this operation a classic of an orderly withdrawal against overwhelming enemy forces.

The Korean War was an important time for the integration of the Army. The library has several books dealing with this subject. Segregated units fought in the war, notably the 24th Regiment.

The book, "*Black Soldier, White Army: the 24th Infantry Regiment in Korea*," details this unit. During the war, Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, commander of the Eighth Army in Korea, initiated a plan to integrate all units.

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Commentary

By Sgt. Cullen James Scout Staff

America, the United States anyway, seems to have a guilty conscience. I can't seem to figure out why.

We're the largest importer and exporter in the world. We have the lowest unemployment rate among developed nations. We're also expected to have the highest economic growth in the world this year.

Our movies, junk food, and fads have gone global. Our defense spending is larger than the next six largest defense-spending countries combined.

Why do we feel guilt?

A recent article in the "Arizona Daily Star" talked about a book that chastises the U.S. for it's global dominance. It states that foreign countries, friends and foes alike, are sick of our culture pervading theirs.

The upcoming book is by James Laxer, a professor at

York University's Atkinson College in Toronto.

"At its core is the idea that the United States is the potent source of values and culture that have been taken up by much of the world and that those who resist the norms of American civilization do so in vain," Laxer commented in the article.

He further states, "There has never been a global power like America, armed not only with weapons that can destroy every person on the planet, but also with a culture that has penetrated the hearts and minds of foreigners more deeply than any culture ever has."

Wow! What a statement. Forget the Roman Empire. Forget the Greeks, the Sumarians, the Huns, the Moors, the Egyptians, etc. All that is history. No one has ever effected foreign cultures the way we have. No one has ever had the military might to crush its opponents. We must be a first.

As far as pushing our culture on others, I just don't see

As any history buff can tell you, the majority of times the U.S. has held an isolationist attitude, we eventually get pulled into a war. It just makes more sense to maintain high imports and exports and continue our military's global missions.

Sgt. Cullen James



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Local Purple Heart chapter plans membership drive

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

The Cochise Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, will conduct a membership drive and picnic at Sierra Vista’s Veterans Memorial Park on Sept. 13. Membership in the MOPH is open to any veteran who was wounded in combat and received the Purple Heart Medal.

Light refreshments will be served at the picnic and all combat veterans who have received the Purple Heart Medal are invited. “Stop by the park for additional information and to pick up a membership application,” said Marcus Marlow, commander of the MOPH local chapter.

According to Marlow, the national membership goal is set at 50,000 members.

What are the benefits of membership in the MOPH? Marlow says the MOPH is an organization that looks after the welfare of all combat wounded. “If you think that you are not entitled to receive benefits from the Veterans Administration programs, please re-think your position,” he said.

“Let me relate to you some of the common misconceptions that people hold. I was wounded but I am zero percent rated. I ask veterans who are the same as I am, ‘did you ever put in a claim for post traumatic stress or cold weather injuries?,’ he said.

Marlow says he explains to all veterans that they must see a National Service Officer to file a claim. The MOPH employs many such service officers to assist you.

“Another common misconception among veterans is, ‘I am not allowed to use the VA because I make too much money, so I feel guilty using the VA system,’” he said. Marlow said veterans need to stop by our in-

formation table at the picnic and ask questions. Information on the benefits under the Veterans Millenium Act will be available.

History of the Purple Heart

The Badge of Military Merit was created by General George Washington on Aug. 7, 1782. Only three of these badges were awarded in the waning days of the Revolutionary War, all to volunteers from Connecticut. After the Revolution, the award fell in to disuse and was not proposed again until after World War I.

In 1927, the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Charles Summerall, directed a draft bill be sent to Congress to revive the Badge of Military Merit. That action was withdrawn in January 1928. On Jan. 7, 1931, Summerall’s successor, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reopened work on the award’s design with the intent to have the new medal issued on the bicentennial of Washington’s birthday.

The new award was announced in War Department General Order 3 on Feb. 22, 1932. After the award was reinstated, recipients of a Meritorious Service Citation Certificate issued during World War I, along with other eligible soldiers, could exchange their certificate for the Purple Heart Medal.

At the same time, revisions to Army Regulations defined the conditions of the award; “A wound which necessitates treatment by a medical officer and which is received in action with an enemy, may in the judgment of the commander authorized to make the award, be construed as resulting from a singularly meritorious act of essential service.”

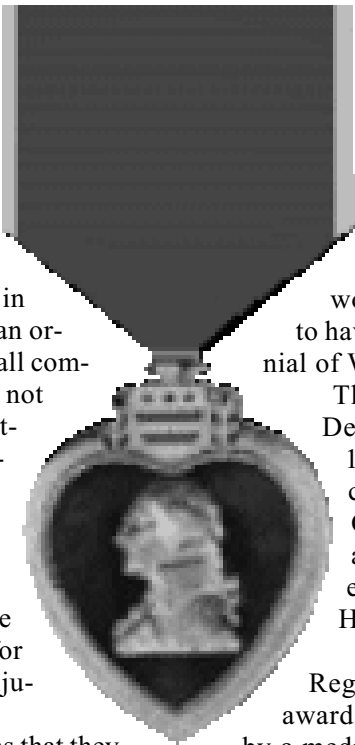
In 1985, Congress elevated the Purple Heart to a position immediately behind the Bronze Star.



In 1932, former Marine Pvt. Frank J. Cushner, a twice-wounded veteran of World War I, had just received his Purple Heart Medal via the US Mail. Cushner felt this to be a most impersonal way to receive the award and set out to change this.

Cushner organized the Purple Heart recipients of his home town, Ansonia, Conn., and on Sept. 17, 1932, a 50-unit parade was conducted, ending with Cushner and 63 other veterans of World War I receiving the Purple Heart Medal from Frederick Payne, Assistant Secretary of War, in front of a crowd of over 20,000.

It was one of the most brilliant and successful events ever, and established the Military Order of the Purple Heart as a veteran’s organization. The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Inc. is comprised of combat wounded veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal by the Government of the United States.



City’s recycling efforts provide outstanding results

City of Sierra Vista release

The City of Sierra Vista announced that recycling efforts are currently at their high-level since established.

With nearly 37 percent of refuse being diverted from the landfill, the city continues to boast one of the highest recycling rates in the state, saving area residents more than \$550,000 annually.

The city’s Drop-Off Recycling Program saw an annual increase to 710 tons, up almost 28 percent from 508 tons the previous year.

The Compost Program was up to 990

tons, up 5 percent for Fiscal Year 2000 from 943 tons the previous year.

The city’s Phone Book Recycling Program also provided excellent results for the year by collecting almost 75 percent of all old books far exceeding the national average of 15 percent.

Many city programs have also received state, regional and even national attention as model programs.

The Compost Program won the 1999 Governor’s Pride in Arizona Award for Environmental Excellence, was recognized in the national publication, Biocycle,

and is one of the featured programs in an Arizona Department of Environmental Quality case study.

The Phone Book Recycling Program was also recognized in the statewide publication, AZ Recycling Review, published by Arizona State University.

“Through the cooperative efforts of our citizens, we have exceeded the national challenge once again,” said Brian Bauer, management analyst. “To the best of our knowledge, no other Arizona municipality, of our size or larger has achieved this type of performance.”

Three grants awarded to Sierra Vista for special programs

City of Sierra Vista release

The City of Sierra Vista announced that it has recently received three grants to help implement new and improve existing city programs.

The first grant, awarded to the Sierra Vista Public Library for \$18,358, came from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation through their U.S. Library Program.

With these funds, the library will purchase four computer workstations, one

server, one laser printer, network accessories and all of the internal wiring necessary for the equipment.

As part of this grant, free training, technical assistance and software will be available from The Microsoft Corporation.

The second grant was awarded to the Sierra Vista Police Department in the amount of \$8,377 from the Arizona Department of Public Safety, Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund for the purpose of

purchasing covert technical equipment.

The third grant was received from Wal Mart in the amount of \$2,000. This grant will provide program scholarships to low-income working families that might not otherwise be able to afford these programs.

Typical scholarship awards can range from as little as \$25 per child for swimming lessons to as much as \$30 per week to pay for before and after school programs.

Transportation Board awards 14 contracts

ADOT release

The State Transportation Board awarded 14 contracts totaling \$7.4 million for highway improvements in 11 counties on Aug. 18.

Contracts were awarded for projects in Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal and Yavapai counties.

The board took the actions at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting, which was held in Payson.

For improvements in Cochise County, \$124,289 was awarded to The Dar-Hil Corp. of Tucson to remove an I-10 exit ramp just west of Benson and construct a paved cul-de-sac in its place.

The project also will include resurfacing about one mile of an adjacent frontage road (milepost 300.67 to 203.22).

The project will begin in about 30 days and be finished in December.

HOW THE ARMY CHANGED MY LIFE

Post soldier tells tale for recruitment video



*By Sgt. Cullen James
Scout Staff*

AAAAOORAH!
Like some terrifying creature, his bark is more
tive and announces his presence sometimes
fore you see him.

To post trainees, his presence can vary from
ening to welcome, but he’s always imposing. You
wearing a smile or a look of stern disapproval.
Class Daniel N.T. Green Jr. always makes sure
diers know he’s around.

Although recently moved from the senior
geant position of Company C, 305th Military
gence Battalion to the operations office (G-3)
111th MI Brigade, Green once again donned the
round” Monday for one last day of training tr

Green was chosen as one of four Army sub
an upcoming documentary, “How the Military C
My Life.” The documentary is sponsored by the
Educational Foundation, is being shot by
Shapiro Productions, and will include five vi
cusing on each branch of service. Each video
ture three or four active-duty service members
service civilians who have had their lives dram
changed by the military.

“I was worried at first when I heard abo
said Susan Carney, project director. “I though
an [Advanced Individual Training] drill sergean
not going to get the kind of yelling and action w
But talking to him, I was immediately struc
passion. He genuinely cares about what he d
cares a lot. Plus, we got to see, he can yell ver

Spending Sunday at church and in interv
home and in Riley Barracks’ Holland Room
and his family told their story. It began as an i
ished child in Philadelphia. He lost several fami
bers when he was 16. He married young —
and had two children by 19. He worked three
support his family, and through it all he was t
join the military.



**Green assists Sgt. 1st Class Steve Cr
Company C, 305th Military Intell
Battalion operations office, over the
the rappel cliff.**

Photos by Sgt. Cullen James

Sgt. 1st Class Daniel N.T. Green Jr. rappels off the high cliff at the rappel cliffs in Garden Canyon here.

E: “I was on the Delayed Entry Program for the Marines when my father, stepmother, two brothers and two sisters were killed in a fire,” Green said during one of the documentary interviews. “Because of the fire, I dropped out of high school to take care of things. The Marines wouldn’t accept me without a high school diploma, so I went to see the Army recruiter.

“The Army had the same rules about high school, but my recruiter helped me earn a degree — not a GED — he helped me go to night school and get my diploma,” Green said.

Educationally ready, Green still had to overcome another obstacle before he could join the Army. “My eyesight was pretty bad and they wouldn’t let me join because of it. I kept trying to get waivers, and eventually, at the age of 21, I was accepted into the Army,” he explained.

But after earning his way to staff sergeant and a spot at drill sergeant school, Green’s life was again touched by tragedy. A little more than halfway through the drill sergeant course at Fort Benning, GA, his wife Ernestine died of a heart attack.

Units from Fort Huachuca, Fort Jackson, S.C. and Fort Benning pulled together to help Green and his family through the tragedy, and Green was able to return to the school and graduate training.

“You’d think after what he’s been through, he wouldn’t have such a happy disposition, but he’s always happy. He’s always motivating,” Carney said.

“He truly cares,” said Pvt. Andre Ward, Morse Code Operator student, C/305th MI Bn. “I remember one time, he had his son at the company, and they were supposed to go and do something, but he saw me. I was depressed and he took the time to talk to me and find out what was wrong. That really showed me how much he cared — that he’d take time away from his own family just to help me.

“He’s helped me a lot,” Ward added. “He showed me how to look deep inside and find out what being a soldier really is.”

“I think he’s the ultimate soldier,” said Sgt. 1st Class Phyllis Green, Basic Electronic Analysis System Training instructor, Company A, 305th MI BN, and Green’s wife of nearly two years. “No matter when or where you call him, he’s there.”

The four-person film crew from Shapiro Productions spent Sunday following the Greens to church. “Church is the most important time for a family to be together,” Phyllis said. “As parents we try and push our kids and try and be good examples for them.”

Green credits God with his current good fortune and his ability to have overcome all past obstacles.

“You’ve been through a lot in life yet you seem so positive and upbeat, how is that?” Carney asked Green.

“I stay positive because of my strength and belief in God,” Green explained. “In my childhood, I learned my basics and foundation in God and it’s stayed with me. With Ernestine, even through the worse times ... she was nothing but smiles. That was because of God. Through Him, life is good — very good.”

“At first [Ernestine’s death] was hard. Church was very critical — it kept our faith up. We never could have made it without God,” Green said.

The film crew spent the rest of Sunday interviewing Green’s family at home and him at the Holland Room. “What do you think life would be like for Daniel had he not joined the military?” Carney asked Phyllis.

“It would have been a struggle, but he’s a fighter, and he would have made it,” Phyllis said. “In the military he doesn’t have to worry about health care, and that’s a lot of stress off him.”

Monday, the crew followed Green as he spent one last day as a drill sergeant. He led soldiers in physical training, held a quick in-ranks inspection, took troops to the rappel cliffs, and performed a



Project cameraman I-Li Chen films the Greens playing around at home.

final room inspection.

“We wanted to get a feel for what a drill sergeant, what Drill Sergeant Green does,” said Carney. “Everyone has been so nice and accommodating, it has been easy to shoot. We’re trying to translate [on film] what life is like here. If we can accomplish that, we think it’ll be a great recruiting tool and inspirational to those who are already in the service.”

At the rappel cliffs, drill sergeants, cadre and soldiers geared up to come down the cliffs. From the drills and cadre there was quiet confidence. From the students — scared, apprehensive and some determined looks.

With kevlar helmets, Swiss seat rappelling rigs, and gloves the soldiers made their way up the path to the cliff. Some went down easily, others had to be encouraged.

“My philosophy is to take care of soldiers,” Green said. “My job is to transition civilians into soldiers. Part of that is helping them overcome obstacles. To realize that if they believe they can do something then they can do it.

“My job is to instill excellence,” he added.

One soldier at the cliffs, Pvt. Aaron Iskenderian, Imagery Ground Station Operator student, C/305th MI Bn., couldn’t push himself to rappel. Although Green had to leave to make his schedule, he stopped and talked to the soldier.

“You didn’t rappel, Iskenderian?” Green asked.

“I just couldn’t do it, drill sergeant,” Iskenderian replied.

“Do you trust me, Iskenderian?” Green asked.

“Yes,” he said.

“Then get back up there. If you trust me, I’ll be your belay man. I’ll make sure nothing happens to you. Do you trust me?” Green insisted.

After a moment’s hesitation, Iskenderian put his gear back on and took back to the cliff. With Green holding the ropes at belay, Iskenderian rappelled.

“I could have done it again,” the student said at the bottom.

“Hooah! That’s what I’m talking about!” Green exclaimed. “We’re a team. We help each other do things we didn’t think we could do.”

“Drill Sergeant Green has been there my whole time here,” Iskenderian said. “He’s taught me how to be a soldier and how to be squared away. He’s also taught

me how to be a better person, not just a better soldier.”

“His passion is amazing,” Carney said once the crew wrapped up at the cliffs. “You could see how much he cares just by the way he took care of the soldier who wouldn’t rappel. He knew he had to leave, but because of that soldier he stayed back and made sure the soldier would rappel.”

“I am so passionate about training and taking care of soldiers because my drill sergeants and [noncommissioned officers] over me were passionate about taking care of me,” Green said. “I believe every soldier deserves that.”

What has the military done for Green? “It’s an awesome list,” Green said. “One, self-esteem. The Army’s a tradition and it’s amazing to be a part of that.

“Education for my family members, as well. In the military you don’t have to worry about some of the things you do in the civilian world, not the kind of things like where I grew up.

“I’m able to provide money for family members if I have to. I have savings. I just bought a vehicle, [it’s] paid off. My furniture is paid for. That’s a great thing,” Green said.

“The financial planning available in the military is great also. But, most importantly, because of the military, I met Phyllis,” Green explained.

What would Green be like without the military? “I would be making it, because I’m a fighter,” he said. “But life would be far more difficult. I would probably still be working three jobs. I wouldn’t have 80 college credit hours, and I definitely wouldn’t have this quality of life.”

To young people who are considering joining the Army, Green offers some advice. “If you want to be all you can be, then join the Army,” he said. “Because of the values we teach [Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless-Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage] you learn to be a better person. You learn a skill. You learn to never give up. Your self esteem goes up and you know you can overcome any obstacle.”

“The Army is also a family,” Green added. “Being in the Army is unique. You have your regular family — wife, children — but your extended family is in the Army. We help each other out when we need money, we make each other meals, and we help each other move.

“We’re one big team of teams,” Green said.

Army announces distance-learning program

Special to Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera announced a \$600 million distance-learning initiative to help soldiers complete college “anytime, anyplace, anywhere they can take their laptop.”

Caldera called on colleges and universities, Internet companies, hardware and software companies and others to prepare and submit bids to the Army offering technology and extensive curriculum for soldiers.

The resulting program — Army University Access Online — is expected to help soldiers to obtain college degrees or technical certifications through Internet-based courses while they serve using laptop computers and vastly expanded learning opportunities.

“The Army’s greatest competition in recruiting and retaining soldiers is not the hot economy but the desire for and availability of higher education to today’s young people,” said Caldera.

Making the announcement at Washington’s high-tech Ronald Reagan building, Caldera said the revolutionary distance-learning program will run initially at two or three selected installations to be announced later this summer.

Distance learning is an increasingly popular form of schooling that uses communications technologies to harness the vast array of educational resources available and stimulates the development of life-long learning skills.

The Army has budgeted nearly \$50 million for AUAO and its website, eARMYU.com, in Fiscal Year 2001, with another \$550 million over the next five years. Caldera’s goal is to see the program implemented Army-wide.

The potential to reach students is overwhelming at one million-plus possible students. The program will be available to all active-duty, Reserve and National Guard members.

Soldiers will be provided with such resources as tuition assistance, textbooks, laptops, printers, Internet access, academic counseling, help desk, course offering and a command climate that creates a true life-long learning community.

Expansion of the program could eventually make it available to Army families as well.

Caldera hosted an Industry Day Aug. 2, also at the Reagan Building, to seek ways to achieve the plan. A preliminary Request for Proposal was issued Aug. 11 to prospective industry and education pro-

viders.

A final Request for Proposal will go out in September, and officials expect a contract to be awarded in December.

“We have specific requirements that need to be met,” Caldera said. “For example, we need to wire barracks and other

facilities where soldiers can get easy online access.

“We also need to provide the optimum technology package to students — equipment that is durable and portable, and ISP service that is reliable and accessible.”

Potential vendors must provide a technology package that will include a laptop computer, printer, Internet Service Pro-

vider account, maintenance and warranty of equipment and help desk assistance to each soldier who enrolls in distance-learning courses.

“We also want to maximize the number of educational programs available to students, so that they can reap the benefits of competition, including increased choice, reduced cost and improved program quality.”

An information-age Army provides improved national security, according to Caldera. His desire is for the Army to be viewed by potential recruits and the world as high-tech trained and ready for the 21st Century’s digital battlefield.

“A well-rounded soldier results in a better Army,” he said. “An educated soldier is tomorrow’s advanced Army. Enabling soldiers to accomplish expanded education via on-line access from anywhere they are sent will insure knowledge of vast issues ranging from math, science and history to electronics and psychology. This well-educated soldier will be more apt to succeed in military training, leadership and mission.”

Under the current Army Continuing Education Service, soldiers pay for their books and for 25 percent of a school’s tuition. Caldera hopes to provide 100-percent funding for the distance-learning program. The eARMYU.com website is not designed to eliminate the traditional classroom but to compliment the current system.

“Army educational enrollment statistics for last quarter indicate that enrollment in distance-learning programs has doubled since the previous report,” according to Susan Johnson of ACES.

Caldera’s vision is that this program will communicate to today’s young people and their parents “that America’s Army is a technology-oriented Army that values education and self improvement.”

This latest “learn-while-you-serve” op-

tion is the third such initiative brought online by the Army in the last year. Last fall “GED Plus” was introduced to help soldiers who did not finish high school get their GED while on active duty.

Earlier this year, the Army introduced “College First,” which enlists high school graduates to active duty, but lets them attend college for a certain time period before serving.

Caldera expects an increase in retention “by improving in-service education opportunities, soldiers can better achieve their personal educational goals and do not have to leave the Army to get an education or use their GI Bill.” Additionally, the

program will assist in producing a better educated, Information Age-savvy soldier who will be better prepared for the challenges of tomorrow’s military.

Asked if he was concerned that once soldiers reap the benefits of this program, they might leave the service for civilian jobs, Caldera said he is “not concerned with the possible loss of a few soldiers to the civilian sector.”

He said the program will help ensure the Army “keeps the soldiers it wants and returns great citizens to the community.”

(Editor’s note: Kathy Hoffman is a freelance journalist and contributing writer to the Belvoir Eagle.)

UOPhx launches grad, undergrad e-Business degree programs

UOPhx release

TUCSON, Ariz. — Responding to the growth in e-Business, the University of Phoenix begins enrolling students for its Master of Business Administration/e-Business and its bachelor of science degree in business/e-Business degree programs this month.

The MBA/e-Business program has a 45-credit requirement. In addition to 10 courses from the university’s standard MBA curriculum, courses of specialization in the e-Business program include: e-Business Principles and Practices, e-Business Operations, e-Marketing Theory and Application, e-Law and Risk Management, and e-Strategy Formulation and Implementation.

The University of Phoenix has also launched an undergraduate degree in e-business — Bachelor of Science in Business in e-Business. That degree is an integrated blend of information technology and business courses.

According to Kathy Alexander, vice president and director of UOPhx’s Southern Arizona Campuses, the e-Business MBA and Bachelors programs will first be offered at the university’s Grant Road Campus, (5099 East Grant Road) and then at its other campus locations based on demand.

“E-Business is expected to be the market’s largest growth area. Managers must be able to understand the impact of e-business on traditional business models and have the ability to convert traditional business to compete in the e-business world,” said Dennis Wilson, director of academic affairs for the university’s Southern Arizona Campuses.

In addition to the completion of 45 graduate credits, 33 of which must be in the major course of study, and a cumulative GPA of 3.0, graduation from the e-Business MBA degree also requires completion of the university’s post Comprehensive Cognitive Assessment and its Adult Learning Outcomes Assessment.

Admission requirements for the MBA in e-Business are an undergraduate degree

from a regionally accredited college or university, a 2.5 GPA and a minimum three years full-time work experience with exposure to organizational systems and management processes.

The bachelors degree in e-Business requires the completion of 120 credits, with a GPA of 2.0, as well as completion of UOPhx’s COCA and ALOA requirements. Admission requires the student be at least 23 with a minimum of 24 college credits and be currently employed or have regular access to an organizational work environment.

Wilson noted that this e-Business MBA is the fourth special-emphasis MBA to be introduced by the University of Phoenix since 1992. Other special emphasis MBA programs are in Technology Management, Health Care Management and Global Management.

“One advantage we have as an accredited, for-profit university is a capacity to respond quickly to the marketplace,” said Alexander.

She added that while the university has always offered an MBA degree program, it was the realization in the early 90’s that technology was more than just the support player it had been to managements of the past.

“In the many technology-driven companies of today, strategies change so quickly, that any communications gap between those in business administration and those in technology management was no longer acceptable. Challenged with this requirement, we managed to bring our MBAJTM program to market in one year,” said Alexander.

“Clearly technology has expanded the role of both the graduate and undergraduate business degree in the past decade, just as the Internet explosion created significant career opportunity in e-Business during the Past two years,” said Wilson.

Founded in 1976, the University of Phoenix Southern Arizona Campuses serve more than 3,000 working adult students in Tucson, Sierra Vista, Fort Huachuca, Nogales and Yuma.

MARS Radiogram

A reliable way to send love to family, friends to nearly anyplace in world

By Master Sgt. LaToya E. Sizer
PAO NCOIC

“When all communication is gone, MARS still stands.”

That’s what MARS Station Manager James Banks says about the Military Affiliated Radio Systems here that allows active-duty service members and their families to communicate with anyone, anytime to almost anywhere in the world. And the best part about using the MARS is it’s free!

“If a disaster came and killed all power, most people would not be able to communicate,” Banks said. But with MARS, there’s no such worry because it operates on high-frequency radio.

Soldiers can fill out a MARS Radiogram (DA Form 5526-R) at the station, located in Building 90551 here, and have their messages transmitted in one day, Banks said.

Required information includes the sender’s and receiver’s full name, street address and telephone number, and the sender’s signature. Messages cannot be delivered to post office boxes. It’s a perfect way to send personalized birthday, holiday or ‘just-because’ greetings to loved ones who do or do not have email.

For example, if a soldier wants to send birthday greetings to his grandfather in

“That message was the best birthday present I had ever received ... my daughter said she loves me and wants me to have a wonderful birthday. That just made my day, and I hope she sends more of those in the future.”

Mary Daugherty

Quitman, La., but has no access to email, he can simply go to the MARS Station and fill out a form.

The message will be delivered to his grandfather within 24 hours after time received via phone call or telegram from the MARS Station operator in Louisiana. Once his grandfather receives the message, he can send a response message to his grandson at the same time.

“It’s as personal as a phone call or email message, and it’s totally free,” Banks said.

“MARS is a great service [to use] and a great service to provide to anyone,” Banks said. “Many older people do not know how to use a computer or email. That’s another reason to use MARS. Many of them cannot type, and we can type the messages for them.”

Soldiers can also send more than one message per day. If someone wants to send greetings to a friend in Honolulu, Hawaii,

then send another one to a friend in Anniston, Ala., and a third one to a friend in Newark, N.J., no problem. The MARS Station is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and transmits messages as they are received.

Soldiers and family members benefit by sending free messages, but their loved ones get the biggest reward.

Mary Daugherty of Springfield, Ill., received a MARS gram for the first time in her life last week. Her daughter has been in the Army nearly 13 years, and sent a MARS gram from Fort Huachuca Aug. 17 to wish Daugherty a happy birthday.

“That message was the best birthday present I had ever received,” Daugherty said. “My daughter could not call me in the morning to wish me a happy birthday, and I was afraid she had forgotten.

“But when I got home from work, my phone rang, and the operator told me he

had a special message for me,” Daugherty continued. “He said my daughter said she loves me and wants me to have a wonderful birthday. That just made my day, and I hope she sends more of those in the future. What a great idea!”

Banks said Lawrence Phillips, one of the station operators here, recently delivered a message to two children at Fort Huachuca whose father is stationed in Korea. “The kids were so excited about receiving the message that they immediately responded to their father. It made the kids and father feel really good, because it’s so personal.”

According to Banks, 192 messages were originated and transmitted through the Fort Huachuca MARS Station in July. He and his fellow operators would like to see that number reach the thousands.

They’re hoping the numbers will increase when they install MARS gram boxes at the post exchange and units so that soldiers will have access to forms.

Until those boxes are installed, soldiers can stop by the station, located on Jim Avenue and fill out a form, or call Banks at 533-7072 for more information.

“With MARS, there’s no excuse for sending messages to your loved ones,” Banks concluded. “Call on MARS, and we’ll deliver.”

Dental Activity Command

To pierce or not to pierce? That is the question

Academy of General Dentistry release

Thinking about getting your tongue pierced? Have you thought about chipped teeth, drooling, gum damage, nerve damage, taste loss, tooth loss or infection? The problems that can arise from such a piercing might surprise you, reports the Academy of General Dentistry, an organization of general dentists dedicated to continuing education.

Fractured teeth are a common problem for tongue piercing according to a recent study in General Dentistry, the peer reviewed journal of the academy. People chip their teeth on tongue piercings while eating, sleeping, talking, and chewing on jewelry. The fracture can be confined to the tooth enamel of your tooth and require a filling, or it may go deep into the tooth; causing a need for a

root canal or extraction.

“Every time you swallow, the barbell hits the teeth, causing constant irritation” says Manuel A. Cordero DDS, FAGD, spokesperson for the Academy. “It’s enough to cause ulcers, which in turn can become pre-cancerous lesions.”

Infections are also common, and they cause more than pain. A tongue can swell after being punctured, but in some cases the tongue becomes infected and swells so much that it may cut off breathing.

Dentists are learning that oral infections can be linked to other infections. “The tongue is covered with bacteria,” Dr. Cordero said. “The moment the tongue is punctured, bacteria is introduced into the blood. When that happens, bacteria reach the heart and cause a variety of

serious problems.

If you decide to pierce your tongue, take precautions. To avoid serious infections such as HIV or Hepatitis, make sure that everything is sterilized in an autoclave, which uses extreme heat to sterilize surgical instruments. Ask the piercer questions about aftercare, cleanliness, equipment and other concerns.

Once the tongue has been pierced, it takes three to four weeks to heal. Barring complications, the jewelry can be removed for short periods of time without the hole closing. Always remove the jewelry every time you eat or sleep.

Clean the piercing with an antiseptic mouthwash after every meal and brush the jewelry the same as teeth to remove plaque.

DoD awards dental services contract to United Concordia

TRICARE release

A new TRICARE Dental Program contract combines the TRICARE Family Member Dental Program that serves active duty family members and the Selected Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve Program.

The Department of Defense awarded the contract to United Concordia Com-

panies, Inc., the current TFMDP program contractor. The new contract improves benefits, lowers premiums and adds coverage for family members of the Selected Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve.

“With this new TRICARE Dental Program contract, we have addressed some important concerns of our beneficiaries,” states Dr. Sue Bailey, assistant secretary

of defense for health affairs.

“We will now offer a more uniform benefit across beneficiary categories and include our Reserve Component families. The new contract offers expanded and improved benefits, and it solves some problems associated with the TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Program.

“We believe our beneficiaries will be

pleased with this new dental plan and particularly happy that their cost shares will remain affordable.”

The new program lowers premiums for the first two option years, compared to the current premium rates.

Single premium rates for the first and

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Community Updates

Teachers needed at chapel

Fall children's programs start Sept. 10 at the Main Post Chapel. Catholic CCD and Protestant Sunday School and Children's Church programs need teachers, assistant teachers, substitutes and administrators for all ages — two years through high school.

Pioneer Clubs offer a scouting experience with a Christian emphasis for children grades 1-6. Seasonal programs will offer special opportunities and activities for Harvest Festival, Advent Christmas, Lent and Easter, Vacation Bible School and summer activities. Youth groups for Catholic Protestant Middle School and High School bring opportunities for spiritual growth, fun and fellowship.

You can make a difference in a child's life by sharing your life and faith with them. To volunteer, register your eligible children in programs or for

IEW Maintenance closed

IEW Maintenance will close at 11:30 a.m. Friday for a reorganization barbecue.

ACAP closed for upgrades

The Army Career and Alumni Program Center will be closed Friday-Sept. 5. ACAP staff members will be training with the new ACAP XXI software and technicians will be at the Center installing the new software and hardware.

There will be a member of the ACAP Center staff on site during the shutdown time for post clearances and emergency unscheduled pre-separation briefings. But scheduled pre-separation briefings, three-day workshops and other ACAP activities won't be held during this time.

For information, call Thom Hapgood at 533-7314, or Angela Baker at 533-5766.

Greyhound adoption day

The Greyhound Adoption League of Sierra Vista will conduct a Greyhound Adoption Day on Saturday for Sierra Vista and the surrounding area.

The adoption day will be 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bookman's Bookstore, 100 West Fry Blvd. The program is also in need of temporary homes for these beautiful dogs.

For more information or to RSVP for the picnic, call Dave Breen at 378-1763.

Fashion show set

The Sierra Vista First Church of God in Christ is hosting a Fashion Extravaganza at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Windemere Hotel. The show will feature fashions from local stores.

Cost is \$12 per person and includes, hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment and door prizes. Tickets may be purchased at the door or contact Ramona McCaa at 458-8555.

BRT announces 6th season

Bisbee Repertory Theatre will be

holding auditions for "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" by Neil Simon on Saturday and Sunday at the theater, time to be announced. The comedy has a cast of four - one man in a midlife crisis and three women of different ages.

"Last of the Red Hot Lovers" will open BRT's sixth season on Oct. 6. Season tickets are \$56 for seven entries to any of the main season or summer productions.

Tickets are available from BRT at P.O. Box 504, Bisbee, AZ 85603. For information, call 432-3786.

Preschool screening offered

The Fort Huachuca Accommodation School District will be conducting a preschool screening Tuesday for all three, four, and non-kindergarten five-year-olds residing on post.

The screening instruments we intend to use are designed to survey gross and fine motor skills, communication skills, cognitive development and socio-emotional development. In addition, we will be testing hearing and vision.

Through the screening process, we hope to identify those children in need of any type of early childhood special education services.

If you suspect a disability in your preschool age child, please call 458-5082 to make an appointment.

Trek Arizona

The Thunder Mountain Trekkers will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, 311 Wilcox. Plans are underway for our first Septemberfest event on Sept. 16-17 in Sierra Vista. The Trekkers are an internationally sanctioned non-competitive sports club, sponsoring four weekend walks and eight year-round events in Arizona.

For information, call Wendy Breen at 378-1763.

Auditions scheduled

The Sierra Vista Illegitimate Theater Company will be holding auditions for its fall production of "Love, Sex and the IRS" on Tuesday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This will be at the American Okinawan Karate Academy at 4151 La Linda Way. Rehearsals will start Sept. 5.

"Love, Sex and the IRS" is a fast-paced comedy involving a love triangle, an IRS agent, a visit from Mom, a visit by an ex-girlfriend and mad confusion. The play, written by William Van Zandt and Jane Fillmore, will be directed by Joe Barnes. Cast requirements are five men and three women of various ages, 20 and over.

Interested individuals may audition or volunteer to help with any aspect of the theatrical production. Performance dates are



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tentatively scheduled in October. Call 459-3943 or 459-0430.

Signal reunion set

The 17th Signal Battalion Association will hold a reunion at the Sheraton El Conquistador in Tucson, Aug. 31-Sept. 2. A golf tournament will be held on Sept. 1.

For information, write Arlo D. Janssen, 10209 Cedar Pond Drive, Vienna, VA 22182 or call (703) 281-3170.

Allergy hours change

The hours of the Allergy and Immunization Clinic at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center will change Sept. 1.

There will be no clinic on Mondays or Thursdays.

Tuesday hours will be 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., last injection will be at 4 p.m.

Wednesday hours will include 7:30 a.m.-noon appointments only with the allergist, 7:30-11:30 a.m. will be reserved for immunizations for Occupational Health, 1-2 p.m. will be orientation for all new allergy patients, and 1-4 p.m. will be allergy injections with the last injection at 4 p.m.

Friday hours will be 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., with the last injection at 4 p.m.

For information, call Sgt. Pitchford at 533-8790.

MAC lunch set

The Military Affairs Committee will host its monthly meeting Sept. 6 at 11:30 a.m. at the LakeSide Activity Centre.

The guest speaker is Peggy DeProspero, Office of Government-wide

Policy, Office of Transportation Management Policy Division, General Services Administration.

At this luncheon the Soldier of the Month, Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter, and

Civilian of the Month for Fort Huachuca will also be recognized.

Reservations can be made by calling the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce at 458-6940.

CFC Keyworker training

The Combined Federal Campaign 2000 for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County is Sept. 18 - Oct. 30. Training for unit representatives and Keyworkers will take place 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Sept. 7, in the Greely Hall auditorium. A make-up session has been set for Sept. 14 from 1-3 p.m.

For information or to sign up for the training session, call Capt. Melissa Crofton 538-6919.

Veterans' benefits briefing

The Army Career and Alumni Program Center staff will sponsor Veterans' Affairs Benefits Briefings at the ACAP Center, Building 22420, 8 a.m.-noon on Sept. 7 and 20, Oct. 11 and 25, Nov. 8, and Dec. 1.

Representatives from the Phoenix VA Regional Office and the Tucson Veterans' Center will be present to provide information about all VA benefits. No reservations necessary.

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For information, call Thom Hapgood at 533-7314.

Green to Gold briefing

Interested in becoming an officer? Attend the next Green to Gold briefing 11 a.m. -noon Sept. 8 at the Post Education Center, Building 52104.

Federal jobs workshop

The Fort Huachuca Army Career and Alumni Program is offering a monthly Federal Jobs Workshop on Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.

The workshop covers how to find out about federal job vacancies, how to apply, what forms to use, how selections are made, federal pay scales, veterans preference, and the types of civil service appointments.

The Resumix scannable resume used to apply for jobs at Fort Huachuca will be explained in detail.

Workshops are held in the ACAP Center, Building 22420 (next to the Military

Clothing Sales) in the Old Post area. No reservation is necessary. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call Thom Hapgood at 533-7314.

ISEC blood drive

Information Systems Engineering Command is having an Emergency Blood Drive, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Sept. 8 at Building 53301 (the second two-story brown brick building across the street from Greely Hall, off Arizona Street).

Blood inventories have reached dangerously low levels in Cochise County. Your blood donation during this shortage could give life to friends and neighbors. Generosity still makes a difference — there is no substitute for blood donors. You can help enormously by donating on Sept. 8.

Drawings will be held throughout the drive. Every donor will have a chance at winning.

To make an appointment or for more

information, call Katharina Criscuolo at 538-3120. Appointments are appreciated, but walk-ins will not be turned away.

Women's Bible study

Protestant Women of the Chapel welcomes all women of all denominations to attend the weekly bible study group. Fall kick-off begins Sept. 12, 9-11:30 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel.

Childcare is provided to military ID card holders.

Sibshop scheduled

Pilot Parents of Southern Arizona will sponsor a Sibshop workshop 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, 3020 Tacoma St., Sierra Vista.

The workshop provides siblings of special needs children the opportunity to meet other siblings in a relaxed setting to discuss common joys and concerns.

For information, call Sylvia Verdugo at (520) 321-1878.

Mandatory ethics training

All Department of Defense personnel required to file a Financial Disclosure Report are required to attend ethics training annually. All new employees are required to receive this training within 30 days of entering on duty. Training sessions will be held from 10-11 a.m. in Room 1215, Greely Hall, on Sept. 21.

Financial Disclosure Report filers are required to attend only one training session per calendar year. For information, call Tom King at 533-3197.

25th Intelligence Ball

Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence and Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence & Security Command, will host the 25th Anniversary Army Intelligence Ball on Sept. 25 at the Hilton Alexandria at Mark Center, in Alexandria, Va. from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more information and to order tickets, visit <http://www.dami.army.pentagon.mil> or call Lt. Col. Jo-Ann Webber at (703) 604-2415.

ACAP Corner
Multimedia system manages transition plan

ACAP release

ACAP will soon be offering an interactive, multimedia, computer-based training system. The new system utilizes full-screen motion video, graphics, audio, animation, and customized applications.

Clients will be able to design and manage their transition plan, utilize specialized electronic job-search tools, design effective resumes and cover letters, and conduct on camera practice interviews. It's easy, fun to use and computer experience is not required. The new system will be in place by the beginning of September.

Temporary closure

The Fort Huachuca ACAP Center will be closed Aug. 25-Sept. 5 for staff training and implementation of the new automation equipment. The office will reopen September 6.

Monthly newsletter

ACAP produces a monthly newsletter with upcoming workshop dates and helpful transition information. Newsletters are e-mailed to every unit for distribution. Call ACAP at 533-5757 if you would like an additional copy of the newsletter.

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second years will be \$7.63 and \$7.86 per month, respectively, compared to the current monthly rate of \$8.53.

Family premium rates for the first and second years will be \$19.08 and \$19.66, compared to the current monthly rate of \$21.33. The new rates become effective Feb. 1, 2001.

Enhancements to the benefit package encourage beneficiaries to use their dental benefits for increased diagnostic and preventive care, particularly for pediatric and adolescent oral health.

The maximum allowance for annual

general dentistry per patient has been increased from \$1,000 to \$1,200; and coverage for lifetime orthodontics per patient was increased from \$1,200 to \$1,500.

The new dental program provides coverage for general anesthesia and additional sealants, and extends the age for orthodontic care from 18 to their 21st birthday (or their 23rd birthday if they are full-time students).

The new TDP reduces cost shares for personnel grades E-1 to E-4 for certain procedures. Amounts covered by the plan range

from 50 percent to 100 percent, depending on the type of dental service. The family member is responsible for any remaining costs.

The TDP adds toll-free telephone lines for overseas users. It reduces the current 24-month lock-in time to 12 months, allowing additional eligible persons to enroll — especially Reservists on active duty for limited periods — and it incorporates a contingency lock-in waiver for Reservists called up for less than a year.

United Concordia will have access to

Disney approves CECOM S&T personnel demonstration project

CECOM RDEC release

Diane Disney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Civilian Personnel Policy) forwarded the draft Communications-Electronic Command Science & Technology Personnel Demonstration Project Plan to the Office of Personnel Management for approval and publication.

This represents the final review and approval stage. The project plan will be processed through a number of program offices within OPM.

Once approved it is published as a Federal Register initially as a Notice of Intent. The Federal Register provides notification to both Congress, and the workforce that the CECOM Research, Development and Engineering organizations intend to implement a personnel demonstration project. A copy of this first Federal Register notice will be mailed to each affected employee at his/her home address.

As the plan has moved through the review process, several changes have been made from earlier versions:

— The portion of the annual General Pay Increase

(a.k.a. Cost of Living Allowance) has been removed from the pay pool. All employees rated in the acceptable range are guaranteed the full General Pay Increase.

— High grade controls and supervisory ratios are eliminated from organizations covered by an S&T Personnel Demonstration Project.

— When filling positions from OPM Certificates the “rule of three” will no longer apply to the selection process. When there are no more than 15 qualified applicants and none of the applicants are eligible for veteran's preference, all applicants are immediately referred to the selecting official without rating and ranking.

The pay bands for the Engineering & Science occupational family have been revised. The former Band III and IV are now combined into a single Band IV. This band includes both senior technical positions along with supervisory positions and ranges from GS-14, step 1 through GS-15, step 10.

For more information, call Thomas Sheehan, CECOM RDEC, at 427-4465 or Page Fisher at 427-2825.

Have we got news for you!
Check out *The Fort Huachuca Scout* on the Internet.

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DoD aids global demining efforts with research, development

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Thousands of people worldwide die each year from land mines. Thousands more are maimed. DoD is working to eliminate that threat. “We’re in a mad dash to get to the field with a new capability,” said Beverly Briggs, head of DoD’s Humanitarian Demining Research and Development Program office here. Her group examines and adapts existing commercial off-the-shelf technologies and equipment that will help detect, neutralize and clear mines, mark and map minefields, and protect individual deminers. And that equipment is needed, she said. A look around the world gives an idea of the scope of the problem: “Hidden Killers” a State Department publication says there are 60 million mines worldwide. Officials estimate there are 500,000 mines still buried in Angola. At the end of the civil war in Nicaragua there were 132,000 mines. There are between 4 million and 6 million land mines in Cambodia, where one out of every 236 people is an amputee because of mine blasts. “We aim to eliminate the threat posed to civilians by antipersonnel land mines,” Briggs said. “In the last year alone we’ve deployed some eight major mine detection/ mine clearance systems into Bosnia, Kosovo, Jordan, Cambodia and Guantanamo Bay.” This mission does not include anti-tank mines or other ordnance that may be in areas, such as unexploded

cluster bombs and artillery rounds. The United States has taken the lead to assist countries that are experiencing the problems of uncleared land mines. In May 1996, President Clinton directed the Department of Defense to significantly expand its humanitarian demining program, to develop improved mine detection and clearing technology and to share this new technology with the international community. The assistant secretary of defense for special operations and low intensity conflict oversees the DoD Humanitarian Demining Program. The DoD program is a critical component of the overall U.S. program. DoD’s program concentrates on training host nations in the procedures of land mine clearance, mine awareness, and victims’ assistance, as well as the development of leadership and organizational skills necessary to sustain the programs after American military trainers have redeployed. Currently the U.S. Humanitarian Demining program includes 33 countries of which DoD has conducted operations in 27. So, the research and development effort is just one part of the total U.S. government effort, but it is significant. The fiscal 2000 budget for Humanitarian Demining is \$25.5 million and Humanitarian Demining Research and development is \$16.5 million. While the research and development group doesn’t do much basic research, it does take commercial chassis and add attachments. For example, Briggs said, the group took a commercial tractor and added

attachments to clear vegetation. The idea is to build a prototype and quickly test its capabilities. If the engineers determine they have a winner, work continues on the piece of equipment. They scrap ideas judged of low or no capability. The R&D office works with other U.S. government entities such as the State Department and nongovernmental organizations that actually work in mined areas. “We have good rapport with all members of the community,” Briggs said. “We sometimes get ideas from other members of the inter-agency [group].” Demining equipment for civilian uses can move quickly through the procurement process. A typical DoD military procurement could take years to accomplish, but this program can get promising equipment into the hands of deminers 18 months after a proposal. How the equipment is used enables R&D specialists to speed the acquisition process. “The most significant difference between this way of doing business and the traditional military way has to do with time and survivability,” Briggs said. “If the [deminers] determine it’s too hot, too cold, too wet, too dry, they simply don’t have to do it, and that’s OK. But that’s not OK for the military. If it’s wet, or cold, or hot and you have to clear a minefield, you still have to do it.” In addition, the equipment for humanitarian demining does not have to counter

enemy action. “[Humanitarian demining program] personnel are not under direct or indirect fire from an opposing force,” Briggs said. “We do not have to harden our systems. This means less research time, less development time and less cost. Some of the projects the team has worked on are: — The camcopter. This remotely piloted light helicopter gives deminers “eyes in the sky” to digitally map a suspected area. — Survivable demining tractor and tools. This armored tractor gives deminers tools to clear vegetation, flail the ground and extract trees. — The air spade. The deminers can stand back as their air spade’s specially designed nozzle shoots supersonic blasts of compressed air that break up and remove packed soil and clay from buried mines. The Humanitarian Demining Program has been immensely successful, said DoD officials. The close and constant coordination and cooperation between DoD, Department of State, U.S. Agency for International Development, nongovernmental organizations and international organizations has served to ensure DoD’s program is well-grounded and one in which the Department can be extremely proud. DoD continues to be encouraged by the reduction of casualties associated with landmines and the increased restoration of land to economic productivity. Continued demining efforts will focus on enabling the people of mine-affected nations to resume a normal way of life.

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training course. The post fire department along with the Emergency Medical Technicians arrived within minutes and transported the unconscious infant to the Sierra Vista Regional Health Center. On the way to the hospital the child regained consciousness. The child was kept overnight at the hospital for observation and testing. The infant, Kaitlya, is doing well and is now at home. “I want to say thanks to a lot of people who had a part in saving our baby,” Sgt. Venuti said. Among his list of very special people are the Fort’s Firemen and EMTs from Station 2, the Military Police, his neighbors, and the man who hopped over the fence. “The hospital (Sierra Vista Regional Health Center) staff was really great in their treatment and attention given to Kaitlya and to us,” said Mrs. Venuti. “And there is a message in this for all parents,” she added, “don’t just sit next to the pool with you child in the water. I learned its best to be in the pool with the child.”

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Helicopters and jet aircraft first saw significant operational use in Korea. The library has over ten books on the subject of aerial operations. The treatment and conditions of prisoners received much attention during Korean War; and several books cover this subject. Other subjects with significant number of books in the library include personal narratives, and oral histories. Other areas with some books include special operations, Army uniforms, and Medal of Honor recipients. There are also several useful reference books, including “The Korean War, an Encyclopedia,” “Korean War Almanac,” and “Historical Dictionary of the Korean War.” Task Force Smith was the first Army unit to see com-

bat in the Korean War, on July 5, 1950. This group was heavily outnumbered and outgunned by advancing North Korean troops and fell back in some disarray. While this famous engagement has no book of its own; it is found in many of the books in the library’s Korean War collection, as well as the book, “America’s First Battles.” Information on the Korean War, and the Fort Huachuca Library are a good match. The Library is located on the corner of Smith and Arizona Streets. Hours of operation are Monday-Tuesday 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Tuesday through Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The phone number is 533-3041.

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With PCS season underway, here are a few tips from Army legal assistance to think about: **Military termination clause** Renting an apartment or house off post at your next duty station? Be sure to check with your local housing office for a “termination” clause in case you have to leave your house or apartment before the lease would normally end due to temporary change of station, deployment, or other reason. To help you, visit your local Army Legal Assistance Office and ask for a free copy of

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cents per mile) and air fare. No deductions are available for any expenses for meals, the cost of unnecessary side trips, or lavish and extravagant lodging. Only unreimbursed expenses incurred in actually moving from the former home to the new assignment are deductible. For more information, see IRS Publication 3 — the Armed Forces Tax Guide available online at <http://ftp.fedworld.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3.pdf>.